

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended, and new claim 19 has been added by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1 and 18 and new claim 19 do not introduce any new subject matter.

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Applicant notes that the amendments to the specification are to correct typographical errors only and that no new matter has been added by same.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has objected to claim 18 because claim 18 is exactly the same as claim 9.

Claim 18, as filed, included a typographical error, whereby claim 18 was inadvertently presented as depending from claim 1 instead of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 18 to replace "1" with --10--. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 18.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objects to claims 2 and 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicates that claims 2 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Applicant notes the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 11 and reserves the right to rewrite claims 2 and 11 in independent form in a subsequent response or submission.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Examiner's objection to claims 2 and 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response to the Examiner's

objection, Applicant notes the traversal (see below) of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0012995 ("Ishikawa"), which states that Ishikawa can be eliminated as a prior art reference by perfecting the priority claim.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Ishikawa is not prior art and that claims 1 and 10 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 2 and 11, which respectively depend from claims 1 and 10.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-15 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0012995 ("Ishikawa").

Applicant notes that the Examiner maintains that the priority date of Ishikawa is July 18, 2002. However, the appropriate section 102(e) date is the U.S. filing date of December 31, 2002 since the reference did not result or claim the benefit of an international application that designated the United States and was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English. Instead, Ishikawa claims priority to a Japanese application, the filing date of which cannot be used for 102(e) purposes. See M.P.E.P. § 706.02(f)(1).

Applicant notes that the U.S. filing date of Ishikawa (December 31, 2002) is after the claimed foreign priority date (August 2, 2002) of the present application. Applicant also notes that, pursuant to sections 2136.03, 706.02(b) and 201.15 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, M.P.E.P. §§ 2136.03, 706.02(b) and 201.15 (Rev. 2, May

2004), Ishikawa may be precluded from being used as a ground for rejection if Applicant submits an appropriate English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-45784 ("784 application"). Accordingly, Applicant files herewith an English translation of the certified copy of the '784 application and a statement that the translation is accurate.

Therefore, Applicant submits that because the foreign priority date of the '784 application (August 2, 2002) is prior to the effective date of Ishikawa (December 31, 2002), Ishikawa cannot be used as a reference under section 102(e).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-15 and 17-18 are not anticipated by Ishikawa.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-15 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,814 ("Nahas").

As stated above, the priority date of the '784 application (August 2, 2002) is prior to the effective date of Ishikawa (December 31, 2002) and Ishikawa cannot be used as a reference under section 102(e). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 10 and claims 7 and 16 respectively dependent thereon, are patentable over the cited references.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

NEW CLAIM 19 IS PATENTABLE OVER THE CITED REFERENCES

Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 19 is patentable and respectfully request that the Examiner allow new claim 19. New claim 19 includes allowable subject matter, for example, the first, second and third current mirrors. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, it is suggested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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